

**135.181 Board certified behavior analyst and board certified assistant behavior analyst grants program — fund.**

1. The department shall establish a board-certified behavior analyst and board-certified assistant behavior analyst grants program to provide grants to Iowa resident and nonresident applicants who have been accepted for admission or are attending a board of regents university, community college, or an accredited private institution, are enrolled in a program to be eligible for board certification as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst, and demonstrate financial need. Priority in the awarding of a grant shall be given to applicants who are residents of Iowa.

2. The department, in cooperation with the department of education, shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to establish minimum standards for applicants to be eligible for a grant that address all of the following:

- a. Eligibility requirements for and qualifications of an applicant to receive a grant.
- b. The application process for the grant.
- c. Criteria for preference in awarding of the grants.
- d. Determination of the amount of a grant.
- e. Use of the funds awarded.

3. a. A board-certified behavior analyst and board-certified assistant behavior analyst grants program fund is created in the state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the department. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated from the general fund of the state for the purposes of the fund and moneys from any other public or private source available.

b. The department may receive contributions, grants, and in-kind contributions to support the purposes of the fund. Not more than five percent of the moneys in the fund may be used annually for administrative costs.

c. The fund shall be separate from the general fund of the state and shall not be considered part of the general fund of the state. The moneys in the fund shall not be considered revenue of the state, but rather shall be moneys of the fund. Moneys within the fund are not subject to [section 8.33](#) and shall not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered, except to provide for the purposes of [this section](#). Notwithstanding [section 12C.7, subsection 2](#), interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

d. The moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department and shall be used to provide grants to individuals who meet the criteria established under [this section](#).

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